

# NEWTON COUNTY, INDIANA

## *Highlights*



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## Introduction

The first edition of the County Highlights was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These Highlights are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana’s 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each Highlights includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don’t hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



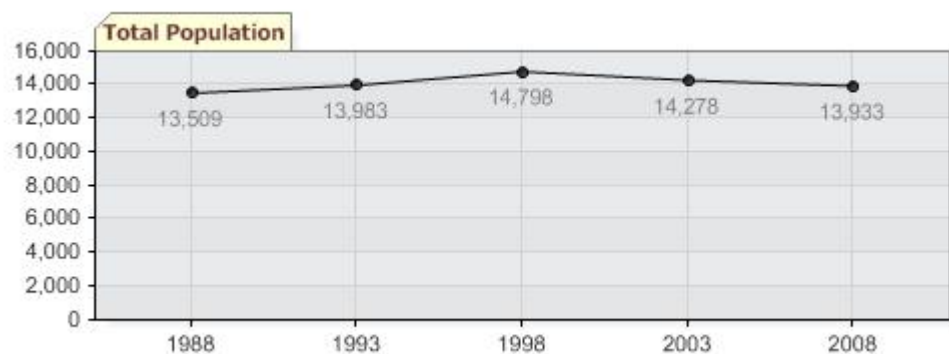
## Location

Newton County is located in Northwest Indiana. The county is bordered on the south by Benton County. The County is adjacent to Jasper County on the east, Lake County is to the north, and The State of Illinois to the west. Newton County is one of the seven counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 1.

## Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

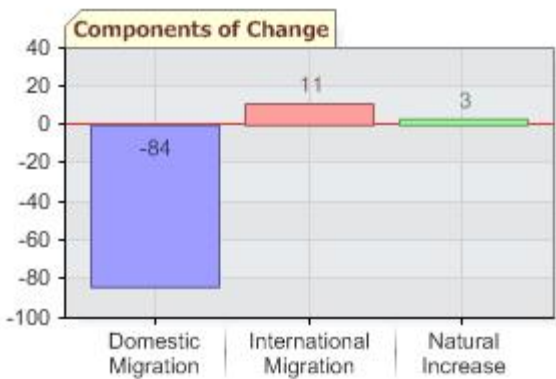
Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	13,509	13,983	14,798	14,278	13,933
Change Since 1988		474	1,289	769	424
Pct. Change Since 1988		3.5%	9.5%	5.7%	3.1%



Source: US Census Bureau

### Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-84
International Migration	11
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	3
Births	146
Deaths	143



Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Age in 2007

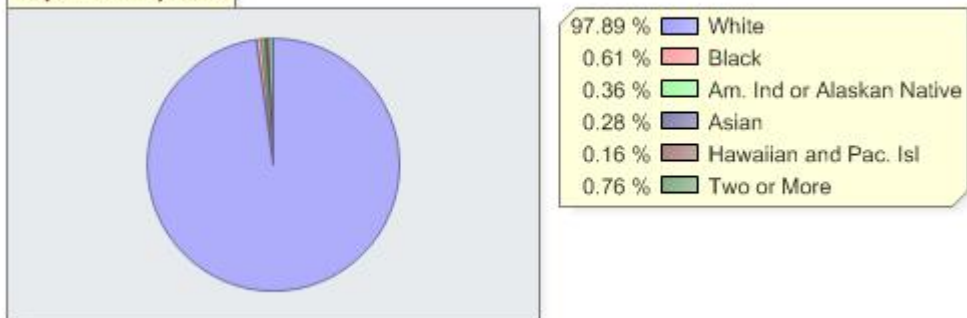
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	694	5.0%
School Age	2,418	17.3%
College Age	1,089	7.8%
Young Adult	3,883	27.7%
Older Adult	3,973	28.4%
Older (65 plus)	1,957	14.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

### Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	51	0.4%
Asian Alone	39	0.3%
Black Alone	86	0.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	23	0.2%
White Alone	13,708	97.9%
Two or More Race Groups	107	0.8%

Population by Race



## Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	13,487	96.3%
Hispanic or Latino	527	3.8%

Source: US Census Bureau

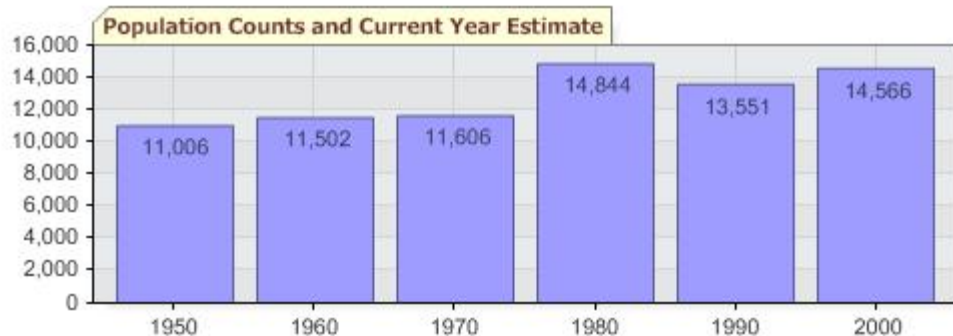
## Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	5,340	100.0%
Family Households	4,000	74.9%
Married with Children	1,465	27.4%
Married without Children	1,903	35.6%
Single Parents	362	6.8%
Other	270	5.1%
Non-family Households	1,340	25.1%
Living Alone	1,115	20.9%
Average Household Size	2.72	
Average Family Household Size	3.64	

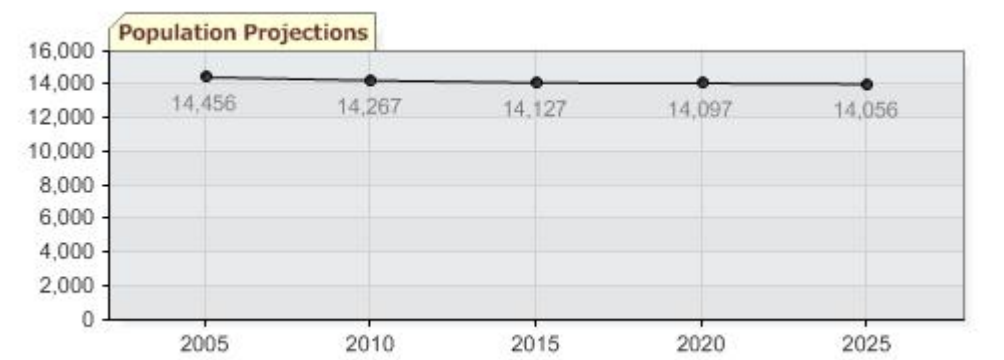
Source: US Census Bureau

## Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	11,006	NA	NA
1960	11,502	496	4.5%
1970	11,606	104	0.9%
1980	14,844	3,238	27.9%
1990	13,551	-1,293	-8.7%
April 2000	14,566	1,015	7.5%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



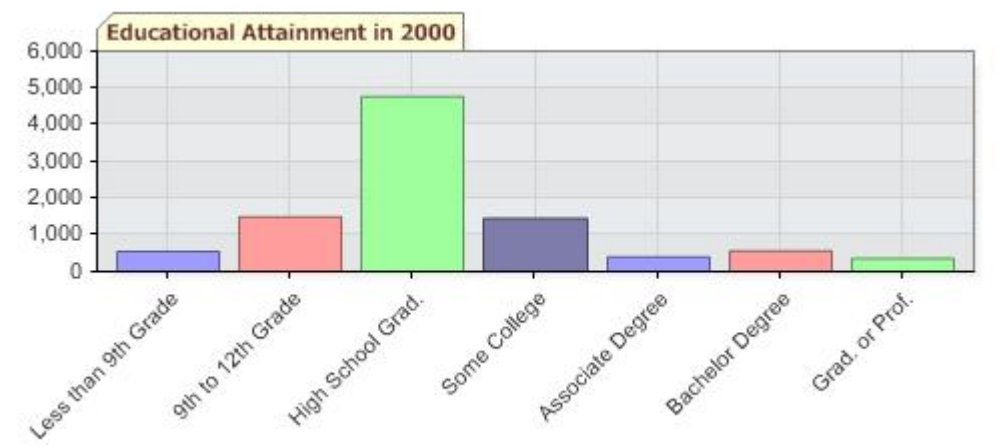
Population Projections					
	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	14,456	14,267	14,127	14,097	14,056
Change Since 2005		-189	-329	-359	-400
Pct. Change Since 2005		-1.3%	-2.3%	-2.5%	-2.8%



## Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

Educational Attainment				
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	6,417	8,409	8,567	9,576
Less than 9th Grade	1,769	1,455	874	546
9th to 12th, No Diploma	1,184	1,508	1,487	1,494
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	2,700	3,882	3,997	4,771
Some College, No Degree			1,166	1,448
Associate Degree			347	397
Bachelors Degree			423	564
Graduate or Professional Degree			273	356

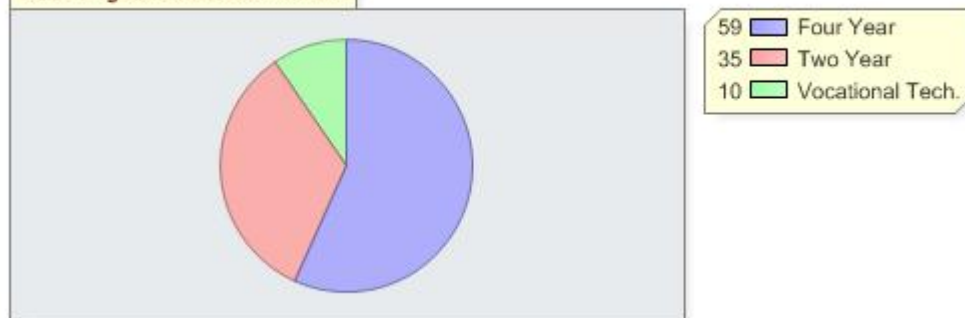




## High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
<b>Total Graduates</b>	164	165	167	141
<b>Total to Higher Education</b>	131	133	123	104
<b>Four-Year Institution</b>	87	87	90	59
<b>Two-Year Institution</b>	39	23	30	35
<b>Vocational/Tech.</b>	5	23	3	10
<b>Military</b>	2	7	10	4

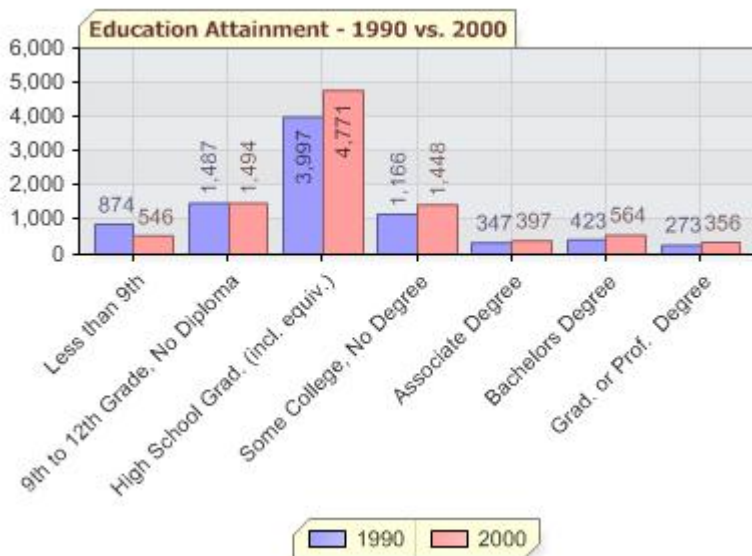
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
<b>Total Population 25+</b>	8,567	100.0%	9,576	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	874	10.2%	546	5.7%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,487	17.4%	1,494	15.6%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	3,997	46.7%	4,771	49.8%
Some College, No Degree	1,166	13.6%	1,448	15.1%
Associate Degree	347	4.1%	397	4.1%
Bachelors Degree	423	4.9%	564	5.9%
Graduate or Professional Degree	273	3.2%	356	3.7%

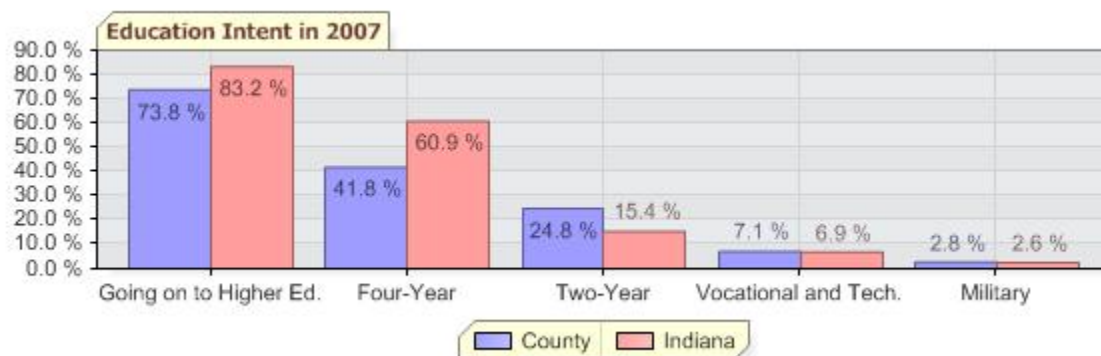


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

## High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

<b>Graduates</b>	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	73.8%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	41.8%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	24.8%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	7.1%	6.9%
Military	2.8%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

## Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

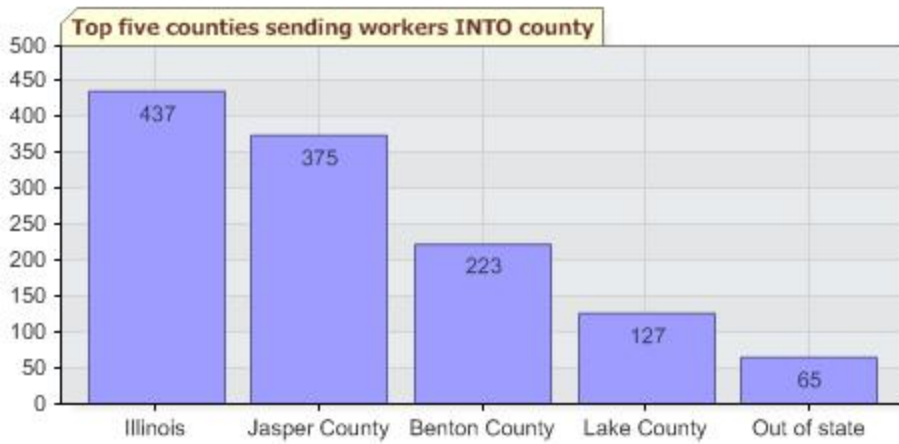
### Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	9,699
Number of tax filers who work in the county	7,347
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	5,933
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	1,414

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

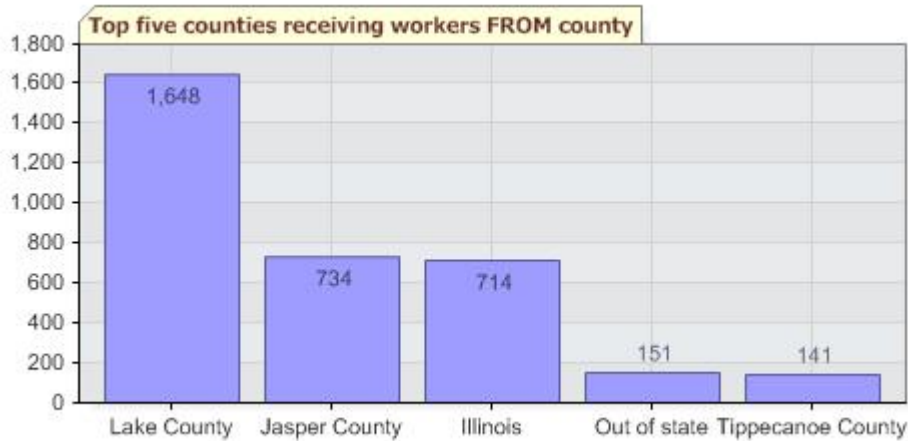
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Illinois	437	33.6%
Jasper County	375	28.8%
Benton County	223	17.1%
Lake County	127	9.8%
Out of state	65	5.1%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Lake County	1,648	48.6%
Jasper County	734	21.7%
Illinois	714	21.1%
Out of state	151	4.5%
Tippecanoe County	141	4.2%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

### Travel To Work in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
<b>Total Workers Age 16 and Over</b>	6,857	100.0%
Travel To Work	6,661	97.1%
Car, Truck, or Van	6,394	93.2%
Traveled Alone	5,534	80.7%
Carpooled	860	12.5%
Used Public Transportation	31	0.5%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	236	3.4%
Worked At Home	196	2.9%
<b>Average Travel Time (Minutes)</b>	29.4	
<b>Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)</b>	19.5	

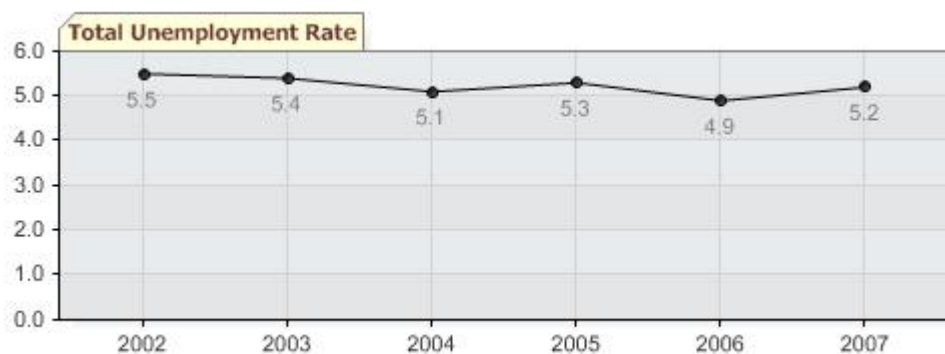


# Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

## Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

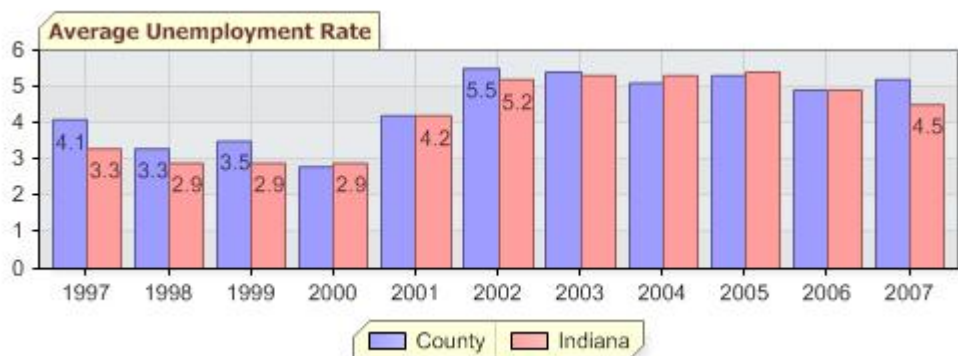
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
<b>Labor Force</b>	6,996	-4.2%
<b>Employed</b>	6,630	-6.5%
<b>Unemployed</b>	366	76.0%
<b>Rate</b>	5.2	85.7%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

## Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
<b>1997</b>	6,616	6,348	268	4.1	3.3
<b>1998</b>	6,772	6,550	222	3.3	2.9
<b>1999</b>	6,542	6,315	227	3.5	2.9
<b>2000</b>	7,299	7,091	208	2.8	2.9
<b>2001</b>	7,252	6,946	306	4.2	4.2
<b>2002</b>	7,214	6,817	397	5.5	5.2
<b>2003</b>	7,128	6,745	383	5.4	5.3
<b>2004</b>	6,995	6,640	355	5.1	5.3
<b>2005</b>	7,071	6,697	374	5.3	5.4
<b>2006</b>	7,048	6,700	348	4.9	4.9
<b>2007</b>	6,996	6,630	366	5.2	4.5



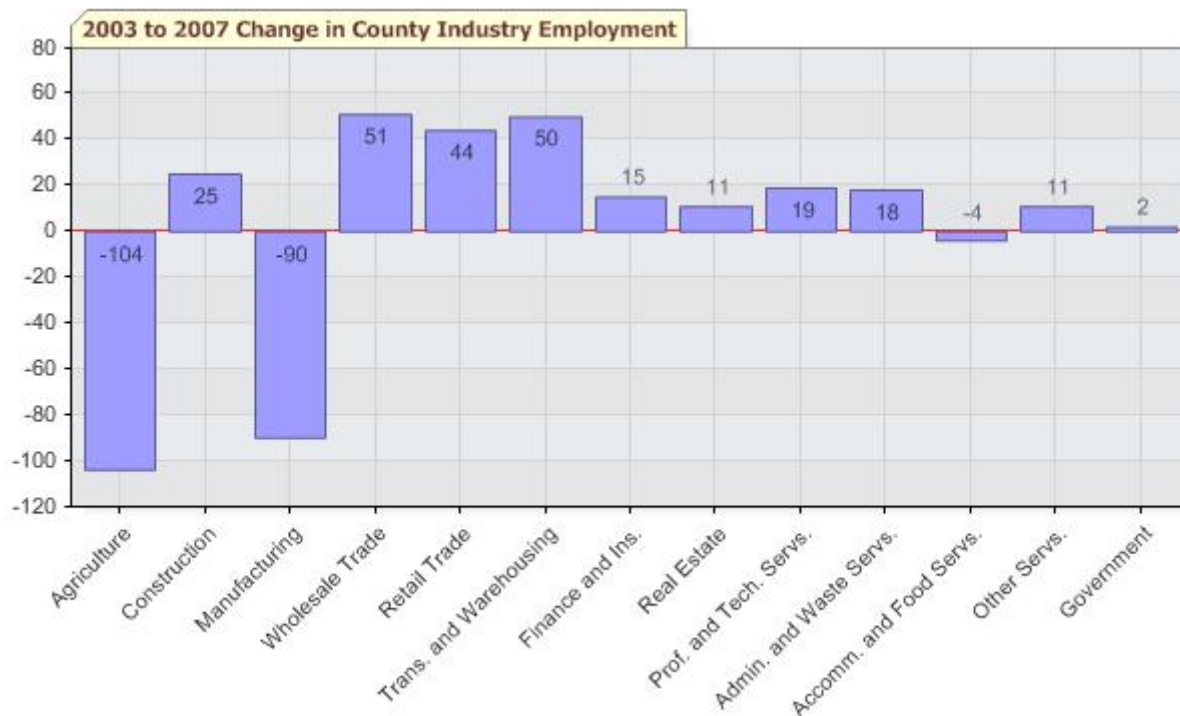
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# Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

## Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
<b>Total Employment</b>	4,048	4,217	4,210	4,318	4,214	166	4.10%
<b>Total Private Employment</b>	3,210	3,384	3,387	3,492	3,374	164	5.11%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	396	345	321	305	292	-104	-26.26%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	206	215	210	232	231	25	12.14%
Manufacturing	1,247	1,285	1,307	1,304	1,157	-90	-7.22%
Wholesale Trade	223	232	244	233	274	51	22.87%
Retail Trade	321	348	330	370	365	44	13.71%
Transport. and Warehousing	131	153	154	137	181	50	38.17%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Finance and Insurance	105	102	112	116	120	15	14.29%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	11	12	14	17	22	11	100.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	43	46	43	40	62	19	44.19%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	56	73	72	144	74	18	32.14%
Educational Services	0	0	0	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	154	237	239	233	236	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	D	22	33	22	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	224	232	221	222	220	-4	-1.79%
Other Services	37	44	44	39	48	11	29.73%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	838	833	823	826	840	2	0.24%

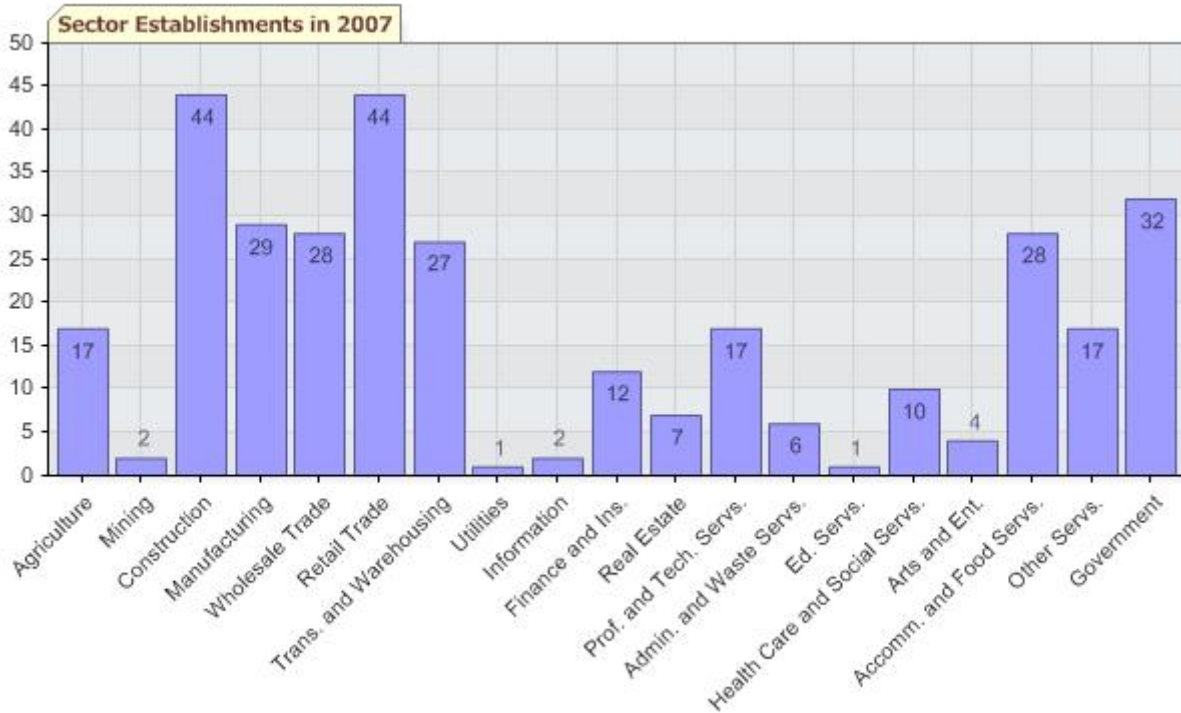


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## Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
<b>Total Establishments</b>	287	298	297	306	327	40	13.94%
<b>Total Private Establishments</b>	260	271	271	279	295	35	13.46%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	18	16	18	19	17	-1	-5.56%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	39	42	39	38	44	5	12.82%
Manufacturing	27	26	27	28	29	2	7.41%
Wholesale Trade	25	27	26	25	28	3	12.00%
Retail Trade	38	41	40	45	44	6	15.79%
Transport. and Warehousing	20	23	23	26	27	7	35.00%
Utilities	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Information	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Finance and Insurance	10	10	11	11	12	2	20.00%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	4	4	5	5	7	3	75.00%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	15	14	15	15	17	2	13.33%
Mgmt. of Companies	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	7	6	6	9	6	-1	-14.29%
Educational Services	0	0	0	D	D	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	10	11	10	10	10	0	0.00%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	D	D	4	4	4	N/A	N/A
Accommodation and Food Service	28	29	27	26	28	0	0.00%
Other Services	14	18	16	14	17	3	21.43%
<b>Federal, State, &amp; Local Govt.</b>	27	27	26	27	32	5	18.52%



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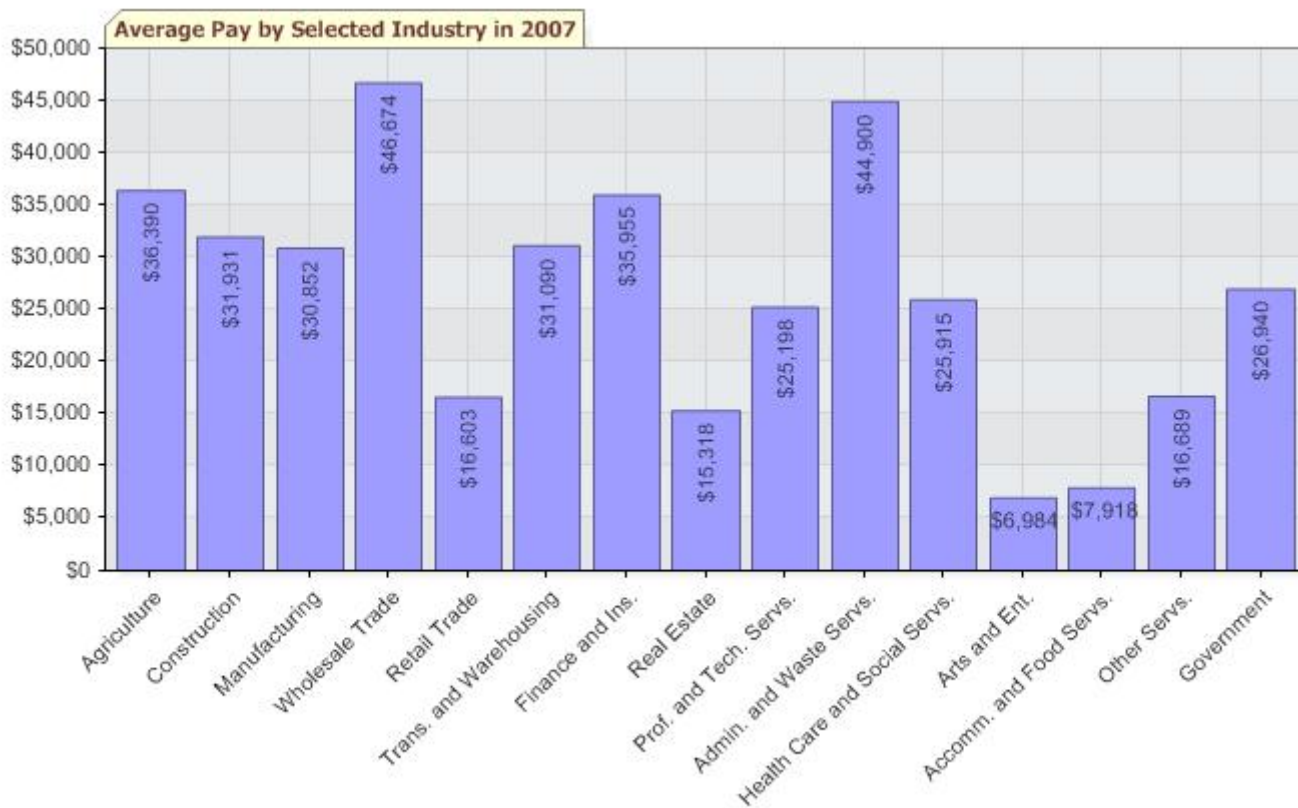
## Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

### Average Annual Earnings by Industry

Change      % Change      Indiana      % of

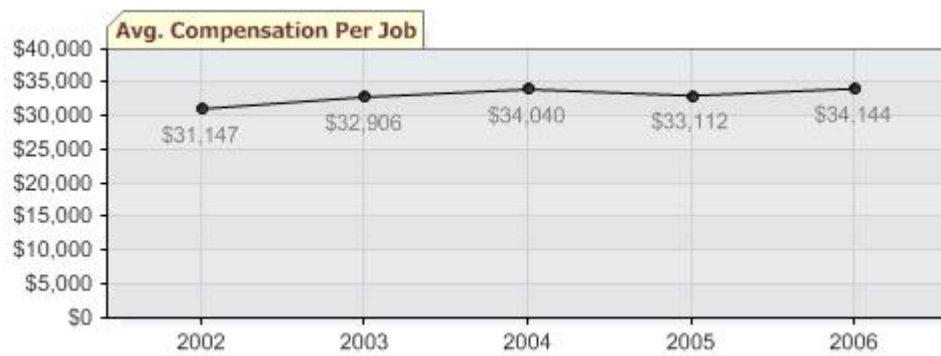
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$26,255	\$28,711	\$2,457	9.4%	\$37,530	76.5%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$30,631	\$36,390	\$5,759	18.8%	\$28,008	129.9%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$28,852	\$31,931	\$3,079	10.7%	\$44,754	71.3%
Manufacturing	\$29,922	\$30,852	\$929	3.1%	\$51,148	60.3%
Wholesale Trade	\$38,942	\$46,674	\$7,733	19.9%	\$51,432	90.8%
Retail Trade	\$14,324	\$16,603	\$2,280	15.9%	\$22,581	73.5%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$26,673	\$31,090	\$4,417	16.6%	\$38,012	81.8%
Utilities	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$68,267	N/A
Information	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$46,311	N/A
Finance & Insurance	\$30,186	\$35,955	\$5,768	19.1%	\$52,649	68.3%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$21,593	\$15,318	-\$6,275	-29.1%	\$32,614	47.0%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$15,012	\$25,198	\$10,186	67.9%	\$51,451	49.0%
Mgt.of Companies	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$33,472	\$44,900	\$11,428	34.1%	\$24,934	180.1%
Education Svcs.	0	D	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$22,033	\$25,915	\$3,882	17.6%	\$37,706	68.7%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	D	\$6,984	N/A	N/A	\$29,251	23.9%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$7,794	\$7,918	\$124	1.6%	\$12,442	63.6%
Other Svcs.	\$10,181	\$16,689	\$6,507	63.9%	\$24,862	67.1%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$25,186	\$26,940	\$1,755	7.0%	\$37,054	72.7%



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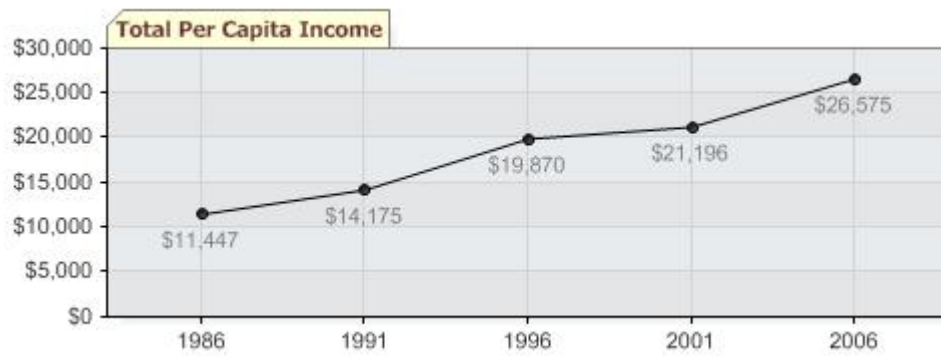
### Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Avg. Compensation per Job</b>	\$31,147	\$32,906	\$34,040	\$33,112	\$34,144
<b>Change Since 2002</b>		\$1,759	\$2,893	\$1,965	\$2,997
<b>Pct. Change Since 2002</b>		5.6%	9.3%	6.3%	9.6%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time					
	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$11,447	\$14,175	\$19,870	\$21,196	\$26,575
Change Since 1986		\$2,728	\$8,423	\$9,749	\$15,128
Pct. Change Since 1986		23.8%	73.6%	85.2%	132.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage	
	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$28,715
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	34.2%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

# Firms and Employment by Size

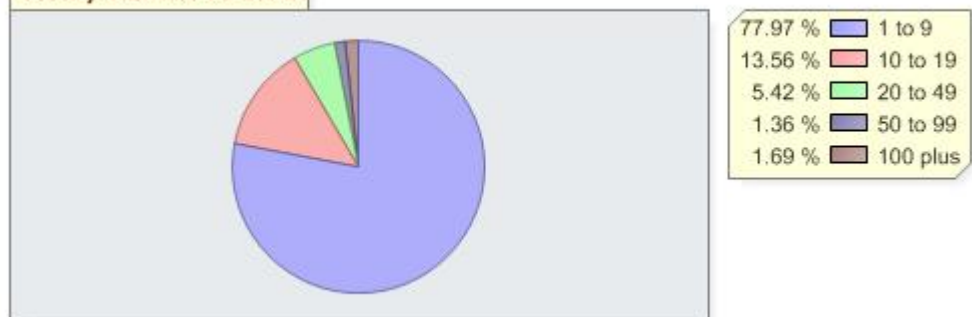
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County Business Patterns, 2006				
	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct.Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	230	0	0.0%	78.0%
10-19 employees	40	6	17.6%	13.6%
20-49 employees	16	-2	-11.1%	5.4%



50-99 employees	4	-1	-20.0%	1.4%
100 plus employees	5	0	0.0%	1.7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**County Business Patterns**

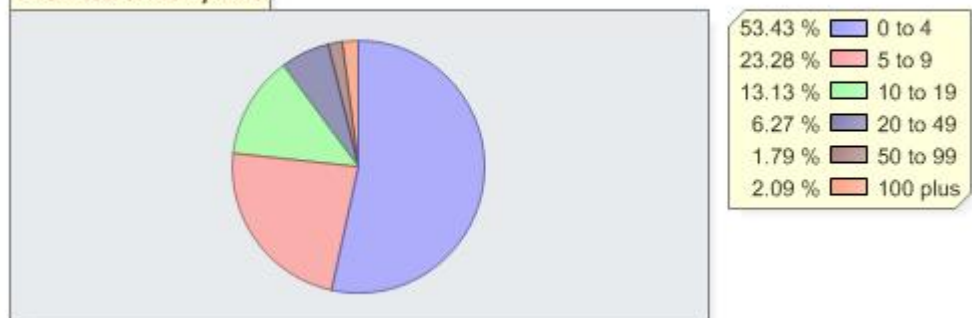


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	179	53.4%
5 to 9 employees	78	23.3%
10 to 19 employees	44	13.1%
20 to 49 employees	21	6.3%
50 to 99 employees	6	1.8%
100 plus employees	7	2.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

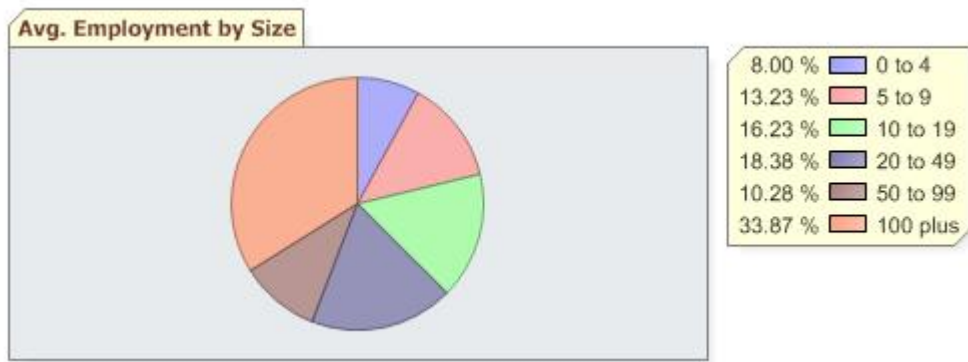
**Business Units by Size**



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

### Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	312	8.0%
5 to 9 employees	516	13.2%
10 to 19 employees	633	16.2%
20 to 49 employees	717	18.4%
50 to 99 employees	401	10.3%
100 plus employees	1,321	33.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,900</b>	<b>100.0%</b>



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.